

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL  
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 10 August 2009.

Item 1. Chairperson Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1905 hours, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Bowen, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Harris, Myrick, Hertel and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 10.
- Planning Group members Dillard, Ulm and Slagill were absent, but excused; Member Vandover was absent, not excused; Seat 14 is vacant.
- Requested corrections to the minutes of the meeting on 13 July 2009 include changing "11 July 2009" in the second line of the heading to "13 July 2009;" changing Item 1 to include Vandover as "absent, but excused;" and changing "Myrick" to "Harris" in the last line of Item 6b. Harris moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 13 July 2009 with the requested corrections. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).
- There were no expense reimbursement requests.

Item 2. Announcements. Mary Manning announced that:

- Tee-shirts and CD's promoting wildfire preparation are available free from the Fire Safe Council, and that she had brought supplies of both for distribution to residents of Dehesa who had not been able to attend recent Fire Safe Council events in Harbison Canyon.

Chairperson Wally Riggs announced that:

- The Rural Fire Protection District is requesting \$300 from Community Service Zones (CSZ) within the District to set up a website;
- The County instructed the applicants for the Singing Hills Estates project to submit all required documentation by 17 September 2009, and informed them that if no submissions were received within 6 months of that date the project would be denied approval.
- Handouts of the updated Planning Group membership roster are provided for all.
- The Registrar of Voters has approved the Planning Group's proposed map of adjusted community boundaries between Granite Hills and Crest.
- Hard copies of the County Zoning Ordinance are finally available for Planning Group members Dillard, Manning, Slagill and Harris.
- Cheryl Jones, County Department of Planning and Land Use, has stated that the charge for renting space for Planning Group public meetings at Dehesa School is an expense that could be reimbursed by the County.
- Kevin Jeffries, 66<sup>th</sup> District Assemblyman, is seeking support for Assembly Bill ACS-8 that requires the State Legislature to comply with the Brown Act.
- Comments on the GP 2020 Draft Environmental Impact Report are due on 31 August; comments on the draft updated Community Plan will be due sometime in September.
- DPLU has requested review of a draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment concerning the Density Bonus Ordinance Revision. (Phil Hertel volunteered to review the documents for the Group prior to the September meeting.)

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Item 3a. Open Forum. No one requested to speak.

Item 3b. Group Forum. Phil Hertel inquired about the fate of the San Miguel Fire District fire protection grant seeking federal stimulus funding (and heard that it was not approved).

Item 4, Item 5. Committee Reports. None.

Item 6. Private Project Proposal. None.

<Chairperson Wally Riggs adjusted the normal order of the agenda to enable the Sycuan Trust Application matter to be discussed early in the meeting. >

Item 8a. Unfinished Business. Sycuan's Trust Application. Chairperson Wally Riggs introduced Adam Day, representative of the Sycuan Tribe, and invited him to provide an update of the Tribe's application for putting approximately 2000 acres of recently purchased land into federal Trust status. Adam Day reported that the application is not yet complete and the Bureau of Indian Affairs is asking for some changes; the BIA is expected to release the complete application soon (1 – 2 weeks), when it will then be available on a website, with all appendices, supporting documentation, etc.; the application includes the commercially zoned parcel at the southwest corner of the intersection of Dehesa Road and Harbison Canyon Road, which the Tribe would someday develop consistent with its C36 County Zoning.

In response to Planning Group members' questions, Day said that the BIA's request for changes in the application concerned land title issues, and that although tribal members pay individual income taxes, the Tribe does not pay federal taxes.

This was a discussion item with no action proposed.

Item 8b. Unfinished Business. Proposed co-mingling of Sycuan and Dehesa fire stations. Chairperson Riggs reported that the meeting with Supervisor Diane Jacobs to discuss a proposed joint project of the Dehesa Rural and Sycuan Tribe fires stations is now scheduled for 2 pm, 17 September, in El Cajon. The Sycuan Tribe made a proposal to Supervisor Jacob, which she would like to explain to the community at this meeting. The proposal is to build a new fire station for the community that would be used jointly by Dehesa Rural and Sycuan Tribe fire departments; merging of the two fire departments is not proposed. The meeting also will not include discussion of the proposed 3-year contract between Rural Fire Protection District and the Sycuan Fire Department for a joint powers agreement for operating the Dehesa Fire Station.

This was a discussion item with no action proposed.

Item 7a. Public Project Proposal. Planning Area Community Plan, 2020 General Plan Update. Chairperson Wally Riggs informed the Group that its review of the Community Plan can be continued until the September meeting, and that the "Vision Statements" of the Subregion's communities will be considered then.

Item 7b. Public Project Proposal. San Diego County Draft General Plan. Chairperson Wally Riggs reminded the Group that all comments on the Draft General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report must be submitted to the County by 31 August. Discussion of the Group resulted in consensus to take no action other than having the Chairperson send a letter stating that the Planning Group was not able to adequately review the draft documents and provide responsible comments in the time available.

Item 7c. Public Project Proposal. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Herb Krickham reported to the Group about his review of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments, stating that the proposed changes and additions seemed to be reasonable improvements in the language and intent of the ordinances. Discussion of the Group included expression of the concern that adding additional regulations to the Zoning Ordinance makes it ever harder to live a "normal" rural life; and this led to consensus to send a letter to the County presenting the views of the Group.

Item 7d. Public Project Proposal. PLDO List. Judy Bowen and Wally Riggs reviewed the current status and recent history of the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance fund program. Group discussion resulted in consensus that an updated PLDO project list can be distributed to and edited by the Group using email before submitting an updated list to the County.

Item 9. New Business. None.

<Chairperson Wally Riggs reminded the Group that its next four monthly meetings will be at the Harbison Canyon Community Center in Old Ironsides Park. >

Item 10. Adjournment. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 2030 hours. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, William L. Bretz (Secretary)